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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NATIONAL ANTHEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make learning of the National Anthem mandatory or compulsory;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF.RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986, refers tothe common core curriculum that would include, inter- alia, 'content essential to nurture national identity'. The National Anthem being an important element of the national identity, it is expected that the State Governments and school boards will make its learning essential.